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TACOMA, WASH.**Plague—Prevention—Rat Proofing of Buildings. (Ord. 6489, Nov. 8, 1916.)**

SECTION 1. The foundation walls of all buildings hereafter erected in the city of Tacoma built less than 18 inches above the level of the ground at all points, shall be of concrete or of brick or stone laid in cement or mortar, or of some other equally good rat-proofing material. The walls, if constructed of concrete, shall be not less than 6 inches thick, and if constructed of brick or stone, not less than 8 inches thick. Such walls shall extend around the entire area to be occupied by the building and below the surface of the ground to a depth of at least 18 inches. Any building in which foodstuffs of any kind, whether for man or animals, are to be stored or offered for sale, shall have the full floor area covered by concrete not less than 3 inches thick, and all floors which are situated below the level of the lowest street on which the building impinges shall be similarly covered by a layer of concrete not less than 3 inches thick.

SEC. 2. No permit shall be issued by the building inspector of the city of Tacoma for the construction of any building or for the alteration or repair of any building unless provision shall have been made in the plans therefor for the proper rat-proofing of the same as provided in this ordinance: *Provided, however*, That when the cost of such alterations or repairs shall be less than 40 per cent of the cost of the building being altered or repaired, such provision in said plans may be waived by the city council when in their opinion the same is unnecessary or impracticable: *And provided further*, That this ordinance shall not apply to buildings used exclusively as garages.

SEC. 3. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not exceeding \$100, or imprisoned in the city jail for a period not exceeding 30 days.

SEC. 4. Ordinance No. 6083,¹ passed April 7, 1915, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Foodstuffs—Employees—Health Certificates Required. (Ord. 6429, Aug. 23, 1916.)

SECTION 1. That section 12 of ordinance No. 4913, entitled "An ordinance to establish and enforce compliance with sanitary regulations in all places in the city of Tacoma where food for human beings is manufactured, kept, prepared, or sold; to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions of this ordinance, and to repeal ordinances Nos. 3610 and 4208," as amended by ordinance No. 6078, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 12. It shall be unlawful for any person afflicted with any contagious or infectious disease, such as typhus, typhoid, ship, or yellow fever, Asiatic cholera, diphtheria, smallpox, or membranous croup, scarlet fever, measles, German measles, whooping cough, mumps, chicken-pox, cerebrospinal meningitis, bubonic plague, tuberculosis, or any venereal disease, or who shall suspect that he has any of the above-mentioned diseases, or who has chronic bronchitis, asthma, or any rash or skin trouble, or in whose place of residence any contagious or infectious disease exists, to work or to be employed in, or for any person to employ such person, in or about any place where food products are manufactured or prepared for food, or is sold or offered for sale, during the time said disease exists, or thereafter until the health officer shall issue a

¹ Public Health Reports, May 7, 1915, p. 1425.

certificate that there is no danger from employment of said person in such establishment. It shall be unlawful for any person to work or be employed in any bakery, kitchen, candy kitchen, or confectionery unless he shall furnish and place on file within 48 hours from date of employment, with the person in charge of such establishment, a certificate issued by the health officer, without charge, certifying that such person has been examined and that there is no danger from the employment of such person. Such certificate shall be at all times kept on file in the office of the employer of such person and open for inspection at all reasonable hours by the pure-food inspector, and if at any time any infectious or contagious disease, rash, or skin trouble shall appear, the pure-food inspector shall have the authority to at once exclude such person from the establishment where employed, and it shall be unlawful for any person so excluded to return to work or for the employer to allow such person so affected to work in his establishment, so long as said person is affected with any contagious or infectious disease, rash, or skin trouble. It shall be the duty of each employee in any bakery, restaurant, candy kitchen, or confectionery to furnish to his employer, or person in charge of the above-named establishments, such certificate of health annually.

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